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AMENDMENTS

Prior to an examination on the merits please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached twenty-two sheets of formal drawings for the original informal drawing sheets.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (complete listing of amended paragraphs with markups according to Revised Format):

Please replace the paragraph at Page 1 Lines 13-24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This Patent Application is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/607,134, filed on June 29, 2000, and entitled "Application Programming Interface For Data Transfer And Bus Management Over A Bus Structure," which is ~~also~~ a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/337,057, filed on June 21, 1999, and entitled "Application Programming Interface For Managing And Automating Data Transfer Operations Between Applications Over A Bus Structure," now issued as U.S. Patent No.